

**HARALSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 6, 2015**

Chairman Allen Poole called the Regular Meeting of the Haralson County Board of Commissioners to order. Mr. Smith offered the Invocation and the board led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Poole noted for the record that Commissioner Dobbs was absent, but since there was a quorum, county business could still be conducted.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2015 Regular Meeting and the September 9, 2015 Retreat Work Session Minutes as written. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Poole asked the board if there were any changes, additions or deletions to the agenda. Commissioner Bennett asked to delete item #3, Corinth Ball Field Lease, until the Pastor of Corinth Baptist Church had time to review it with his Deacons.

Commissioner Bennett motioned to approve the agenda with the deletion of item #3. Chairman Poole seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**Chairman's Report**

Chairman Poole asked that we all keep a number of people in our prayers:

Melanie King's Mother passed away. Melanie is a long time employee at the assessor's office.

Tallapoosa Mayor, Pete Bridges, Mother passed away.

Marshal Gary Folsom, is receiving his 2<sup>nd</sup> prosthetic leg.

Robert Smith, Building Inspector, has been hospitalized with a serious illness.

Chairman Poole also stated that, we as Christians need to stand up for our values and rights and not allow 5% of the people to decide the way things are run.

**Department Head Reports**

**Fire Department**, Chief Brian Walker. Chief Walker reported that we expect ISO to come for our review within the next few months. Our ISO of 5 helps keep property owners insurance premiums down. He stated that fire calls are up and include brush fires, grease fires, and structure fires. He urged everyone to check their smoke detectors and make sure everyone they know has working smoke detectors. He stated that there had been 4 fire fatalities in Haralson County this year and none of these residences had smoke detectors. He handed out a pie chart that showed the different calls his department had responded to this year.

**Probation**, Chris Simpson. Mr. Simpson is the new probation director. He stated that funds collected YTD total \$33,450. He said they are down approximately 150 active probationers. The department is currently responsible for roughly 310 active probationers. He stated that trials are coming up with Judge Lim and that would probably add some to this number.

**E-911 Department**, Cathy Thompson. Mrs. Thompson stated that in the month of September, the department had handled many calls, including 5 major wrecks including several airlifted individuals and 2 fatalities, numerous residential and structure fires, 2 escapees and a missing person. She stated that many of the calls they handle are very stressful for the dispatchers. So far this year, they have handled 11,984 calls which included:

Sheriff – 1760

Bremen Police – 997

Ambucare – 647

Tallapoosa Police – 410

Mrs. Thompson stated that her department was also very involved in public education. They go

to schools, senior centers, festivals, etc to teach people what 911 does and how the center works.

**Animal Control**, Phillip Carroll. Mr. Carroll reported that they had responded to 136 calls in September that included stray animals, rabies, and livestock calls. He reminded everyone that there was a positive case of rabies in a fox that bit a lady the previous week. He urged everyone to keep their pets' rabies shots current. He also reported that the kennel was having free adoptions for the month of October and encouraged folks to come see what they had available.

Commissioner Robinson stated that people were poisoning pets in his neighborhood and stated that he will work to strengthen laws against people who poison pets.

Commissioner Bennett stated that there are a lot of irresponsible pet owners that cause the high numbers of animals in the shelters. She stated that the Animal control employees do an excellent job with their limited resources.

#### **Public Participation on Agenda Items**

None

#### **Item #1 – New Hope Primitive Baptist Association Proclamation**

Chairman Poole read and presented the Proclamation to Brother Kirby Patterson, Brother Tommy Patterson, Brother Gary Manning, and Brother Dave Chandler.

#### **Item #2 – DFACS Board Appointment - Vote**

DFACS Director Libby Smith sent a letter recommending Lisa Smith, a Haralson County School Counselor, to fill a vacancy on this board. There were no other nominees. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the appointment of Lisa Smith to the DFACS Board. Commissioner Robinson seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

#### **Item #3 – Corinth Ball Field Lease**

Deleted from Agenda

#### **Item #4 – Service Delivery Strategy Resolution – Vote**

Chairman Poole deferred to County Clerk Alison Palmer regarding this item. Mrs. Palmer stated that Northwest Georgia Regional Commission had informed the county that the Service Delivery Strategy had to be approved by Resolution. Even though the IGA had been signed by everyone, the county had to approve a resolution that was provided by NWGRC. This was just a technicality. Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the Service Delivery Strategy Resolution. Commissioner Bennett seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Poole announced that this week is Law Enforcement Appreciation Week. He also reminded everyone that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Bennett Seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Submitted by Alison Palmer  
County Clerk